

Please amend the paragraphs beginning at page 3, line 20 through page 4, line ²¹17, as follows:

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~~The~~ An embodiment of the present invention has as main object to ~~remove-removes~~ or to a large extent ~~reduce-reduces~~ the drawbacks with ~~to-~~ ~~day's~~ today's user terminals and ~~allow-that~~ allows a user terminal that has no IP control plane ~~can-to~~ to retrieve candidate access router discovery information (CARD information) that are signalled on an IP control plane between access routers of wireless networks. The retrieved CARD information is used for selection of the candidate access router whose functionalities best fulfill the requirements the user terminal has.

Another ~~object of the invention is to allow~~ embodiment allows signalling of translated CARD information to existing and future terminals lacking IP control plane, and allows signalling to existing and future access networks which are lacking IP control plane but to which access routers in accordance with ~~the invention~~ an embodiment are connected.

~~This object is achieved with the method steps indicated in claim 1.~~ In an example method, CARD protocol information on L3 is translated into L2 information messages which are transmitted to the user terminal either as extensions to the conventional protocol used for bearer service set up between the user terminal and an access router or as extensions to the conventional protocol used by the individual access system for broadcasting of its system characteristics. In the former case the translated CARD information is

Please amend the paragraphs beginning at page 6, lines 7-14, as follows:

~~In a specific implementation~~ As an example the wide area cellular network is UMTS. The L2 GW and current access router are co-localized in a GGSN node (Gateway GPRS Support Node). L2GW provides UMTS signalling and UMTS bearer service. The L2 entities 17, 18 may be interconnected using for example an optical fibre and an open interface schematically shown by a dash. The UMTS protocol used by QoS managers 19, 20 has extensions that relate to CARD functions, namely reverse address translation and discovery of CAR capability.

In an evolved WCDMA network the L2GW network node ~~3~~ 13 and the access router 2 are ~~a~~-co-located and together form a radio network controller RNC.

Please amend the paragraphs beginning at page 6, line 29 through page ^{lines 1-10} 7, ~~line 1~~, as follows:

Since it is required that every access router can transmit translated CARD information they and their associated access points 14 must be provided with ~~a~~-an L2 entity 24, a translator 25 and a QoS manager 26.

In order to reduce over the air signalling the translated card information is forwarded to the user terminal only when there is a candidate access router that offers capabilities that suits the needs of the user terminal better than the current access router's do. To achieve this the ~~user terminal~~ access router is